

Year	Level	Course Code	Core or Elective	Department	Course Name	Course Description	Instructional Hours per week	Weeks per semester	Prerequisite
4.1	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'anic Exegesis	Advanced Qur'an Commentary I (Tafsir al-Nasafi)	This course will focus on Madarik al-Tanzil wa Haqa'iq al-Ta'wil known as Tafsir al-Nasafi of the Central Asian Hanafi jurist and exegete Abū I-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Ahmad al-Nasafi (d. 710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhshari (d.538/1144) and al-Baydawi (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'an through the lens of Hanafi jurisprudence and Maturidi school of dialectic theology.	2	15	QUR302 QUR401 QUR402
4.2	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'anic Exegesis	Advanced Qur'an Commentary II (Tafsir al-Nasafi)	This course will focus on Madarik al-Tanzil wa Haqa'iq al-Ta'wil known as Tafsir al-Nasafi of the Central Asian Hanafi jurist and exegete Abū I-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Ahmad al-Nasafi (d. 710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhshari (d.538/1144) and al-Baydawi (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'an through the lens of Hanafi jurisprudence and Maturidi school of dialectic theology.	2	15	QUR302 QUR401 QUR402
5.1	Advanced	ARAB551	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Lab I	This course surveys Arabic literature from Pre-Islamic to modern times, covering different genres of poetry and prose. The aim is to familiarize students with the characteristics of the Arabic literature of each period and area, and to enable the students to be at ease discussing them orally and in writing.	1	15	ARAB452 Arabic Lab 4th Year - Level 8
5.1	Advanced	HAD501	Core	Hadith	Early Legal Hadith Discourse I	This course is an intensive analysis of the earliest legal arguments from hadith, in particular those employed by the preeminent jurists of the first and second centuries: Imams Abū Hanifah, Malik, Abū Yūsuf, and Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Particular emphasis is devoted to legal arguments found in the transmissions of Malik's al-Muwatta' through Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan and Yahyā b. Yahyā al-Laythi, but readings in Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan's <i>Kitāb al-Hujjah</i> , Abū Hanifah's <i>Kitāb al-Āthār</i> , and al-Khawārizimī's <i>Jāmi' Masānid al-Imām al-A'zam</i> are also included. Considerable attention will be given to understanding the different approaches of the <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) and <i>Ahl al-Hadith</i> (hadith transmitters) as well as those between the early (Hanafi and Maliki) and later (Shafi'i and Hanbali) juridical schools.	4	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404
5.1	Advanced	HAD511	Core	Hadith	Synthesizing the Legal Hadith: <i>Sharḥ Ma'āni al-Āthār I</i>	The bifurcation of the juridical schools along the lines of <i>Ahl al-Hadith</i> (hadith transmitters) and <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) was largely a consequence of claims from the former that the latter's overuse of legal reasoning (<i>ra'y</i>) resulted in a neglect of clear and established hadith evidence. Imam Abū Ja'far al-Taḥāwī addresses this claim in a monumental hadith collection, <i>Sharḥ Ma'āni al-Āthār</i> , that serves as one of the earliest expansive hadith-based defense of the positions of Imam Abū Hanifah and his followers. A thorough reading of the work will introduce students not only to the specific textual proofs of the Hanafi school but also the wide range of juristic reasoning and principles (<i>uṣūl</i>) employed therein.	5	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404
5.1	Advanced	HAD521	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan Abī Dāwūd I</i>	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī (d. 204/819) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions as well as exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	4	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404
5.1	Advanced	HAD531	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhi I</i>	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muḥammad b. Ḍisā al-Tirmidhi (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404

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5.1	Advanced	HAD533	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhi</i> III	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muhammad b. 'Isā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404
5.1	Advanced	HUM501	Core	Humanities	Intro to the Social Sciences and Humanities (Residency Program)	An introductory course that dedicates a few weeks each for the following subjects: sociocultural anthropology, psychology, history, and political science. Students will be exposed to the scope of each field as well as current issues within them.	1	15	HUM402
5.1	Advanced	QUR511	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings I	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭabīyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of ibn al-Jazarī (d. 833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR151 certification completion
5.1	Advanced	QUR551	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Ten Readings Recitation Lab I	In this course students will recite the entire Qur'ān by memory implementing the variant readings of the Qur'ān learned through the study of <i>al-Shāṭabīyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430) along with memorizing those two texts. After completion, students will receive a chain of transmission in the variant readings of the Qur'ān connecting themselves back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR151
5.2	Advanced	ARAB552	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Lab II	This course surveys Arabic literature from Pre-Islamic to modern times, covering different genres of poetry and prose. The aim is to familiarize students with the characteristics of the Arabic literature of each period and area, and to enable the students to be at ease discussing them orally and in writing.	1	15	ARAB551 Advanced Arabic Lab I
5.2	Advanced	HAD502	Core	Hadith	Early Legal Hadith Discourse II	This course is an intensive analysis of the earliest legal arguments from hadith, in particular those employed by the preeminent jurists of the first and second centuries: Imams Abū Ḥanīfah, Mālik, Abū Yūsuf, and Muhammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Particular emphasis is devoted to legal arguments found in the transmissions of Mālik's <i>al-Muwattā</i> through Muhammad b. al-Ḥasan and Yahyā b. Yahyā al-Laythī, but readings in Muhammad b. al-Ḥasan's <i>Kitāb al-Hujjah</i> , Abū Ḥanīfah's <i>Kitāb al-Āthār</i> , and al-Khawārizimī's <i>Jami' Masānid al-Imām al-A'zam</i> are also included. Considerable attention will be given to understanding the different approaches of the <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) and <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) as well as those between the early (Ḥanafī and Mālikī) and later (Shāfi'ī and Ḥanbalī) juridical schools.	4	15	HAD501
5.2	Advanced	HAD512	Core	Hadith	Synthesizing the Legal Hadith: <i>Sharḥ Ma'ānī al-Āthār</i> II	The bifurcation of the juridical schools along the lines of <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) and <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) was largely a consequence of claims from the former that the latter's overuse of legal reasoning (<i>ra'y</i>) resulted in a neglect of clear and established hadith evidence. Imam Abū Ja'far al-Taḥāwī addresses this claim in a monumental hadith collection, <i>Sharḥ Ma'ānī al-Āthār</i> , that serves as one of the earliest expansive hadith-based defense of the positions of Imam Abū Ḥanīfah and his followers. A thorough reading of the work will introduce students not only to the specific textual proofs of the Ḥanafī school but also the wide range of juristic reasoning and principles (<i>uṣūl</i>) employed therein.	5	15	HAD511
5.2	Advanced	HAD522	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan Abī Dāwūd</i> II	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī (d. 204/819) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions as well as exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	4	15	HAD521

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5.2	Advanced	HAD532	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhi</i> II	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muhammad b. 'Isā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5	15	HAD531
5.2	Advanced	HAD534	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhi</i> IV	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muhammad b. 'Isā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5	15	HAD533
5.2	Advanced	HUM502	Core	Humanities	Intro to Philosophy (Residency Program)	An introductory course on the basics of Western philosophy from ancient Greek philosophy to modernism and post-modernism. Major figures in philosophy will be introduced and analyzed along with their impact on modern popular thought. Selections from al-Ghazālī's <i>Tahāfut al-Falāsifah</i> may be read as a supplement.	1	15	HUM501
5.2	Advanced	QUR512	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings II	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shātabiyyah</i> of Imam Shātabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d. 833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR511
5.2	Advanced	QUR552	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Ten Readings Recitation Lab II	In this course students will recite the entire Qur'ān by memory implementing the variant readings of the Qur'ān learned through the study of <i>al-Shātabiyyah</i> of Imam Shātabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430) along with memorizing those two texts. After completion, students will receive a chain of transmission in the variant readings of the Qur'ān connecting themselves back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR151
5.3	Advanced	HAD537 [1]	Core	Hadith	A Portrait of the Prophet: <i>al-Tirmidhi's al-Shamā'il</i>	This course consists of a reading of the earliest known hadith collection documenting the Prophet's detailed physical features, mannerisms, and personal character: Imam Abū 'Isā al-Tirmidhī's <i>al-Shamā'il al-Muhammadiyah</i> . Students will read through the text with the teacher in its entirety, focusing on the language of the reports, the various comments of the traditionists on their authenticity and meaning, and the spiritual implications of <i>al-Tirmidhi's</i> portrait of the noble Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.	4	15	LAW401 LAW402 HAD401 HAD402 HAD403 HAD404
6.1	Advanced	HAD541	Core	Hadith	Applied Hadith Criticism: <i>Sunan Ibn Mājah</i>	This course introduces students to the critical analysis of hadith reporters and chains through an elaborate study of the <i>zawā'id</i> reports of <i>Ibn Mājah's Sunan</i> , i.e. the reports unique to <i>Ibn Mājah's Sunan</i> and not found in any of the other six canonical hadith collections, the <i>Ṣaḥīḥs</i> of al-Bukhārī and Muslim and the <i>Sunan</i> works of al-Nasā'ī, Abū Dāwūd, and al-Tirmidhī. While students will analyze both the hadith texts and chains, particular focus is placed on the critical analysis of hadith narrators and the evaluation of their narrations. Thus, students will be introduced to a practical study of <i>'ilm al-rijāl</i> (the science of narrative biographies) through the study of a canonical hadith text.	4	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534
6.1	Advanced	HAD551	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim I</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Ḥajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	5	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534

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6.1	Advanced	HAD553	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim</i> III	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Hajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	5	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534
6.1	Advanced	HAD561	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī</i> I	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534
6.1	Advanced	HAD563	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī</i> III	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534
6.1	Advanced	HAD571	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Critical Methodology I	This course engages students in critical discussions of hadith methodology through an in-depth reading of Imam Taqī al-Dīn Ibn Ṣalāḥ al-Shahrazūrī's (d. 643 AH/1245 CE) acclaimed technical manual of hadith studies, the <i>Ma'rifat Anwā' 'Ulūm al-Ḥadīth</i> , more commonly known as the <i>Muqaddamat Ibn Ṣalāḥ</i> . This "Intro to the Sciences of the Hadith" comprises discussions on sixty-five key topics in the hadith critical methodology and due to its comprehensiveness and clarity, it has been considered the standard textbook and reference for advanced hadith studies since nearly the 7th century. The text will be explored along with a variety of its derivative abridgments, redactions, commentaries, and poetic renditions. Required reading will include Imam Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī's (d. 911 AH/1505 CE) <i>Tadrib al-Rāwī</i> , an exhaustive commentary on Imam Yahyā al-Nawawī's (676 AH/1277 CE) <i>al-Taqrīb</i> along with the critical notes of Shaykh Muḥammad 'Awwāmāh.	1	15	HAD302
5.1	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'ānic Exegesis	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary I	This course will focus on <i>Madārik al-Tanzīl wa Ḥaqā'iq al-Ta'wīl</i> known as <i>Tafsīr al-Nasafī</i> of the Central Asian Ḥanafī jurist and exegete Abū I-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d. 710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Bayḍāwī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Ḥanafī jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2	15	QUR401 QUR402
6.1	Advanced	QUR513	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings III	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭibiyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d. 833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR511

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6.1	Advanced	QUR601	Core	Qur'anic Exegesis	Advanced Principles of Qur'anic Exegesis I: Shāh Walīullāh's al-Fawz al-kabīr fī uṣūl al-tafsīr	This course comprises of a thorough study of Shāh Walīullāh's (d. 1175/1762) al-Fawz al-kabīr fī uṣūl al-tafsīr. The text, which was originally written in Persian, is confined to five chapters. Each chapter elucidates principles and precepts needed to understand the science of tafsīr (Qur'anic exegesis) and uṣūl al-tafsīr (Qur'anic hermeneutics). Shāh Walīullāh's main objective for writing the text was to remove ambiguity and confusion in the understanding of the circumstances of revelation (asbāb al-nuzūl), abrogating and abrogated verses (al-nāṣikh wa l-manṣūkh), the unusual words and phrases of the Qur'ān (gharā'ib al-Qur'ān), and other core interpretive tools used by the mufasssīr. The examples he has gathered, along with the order of his presentation, compels students to see the Qur'ān as ḥammāl dhū wujūh (multifaceted). Though the text is brief, it is considered one of the best compilations prepared on the subject due to its scope in uṣūl and application on the subtleties of tafsīr.	1	15	QUR402
6.2	Advanced	HAD542	Core	Hadith	Applied Hadith Criticism: <i>Sunan al-Nasā'ī</i>	This course consists of a thorough study of select portions of the <i>Sunan</i> of Imam Abū 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Nasā'ī (d. 302/915), a work known for its special attention given to the discovery of hidden elements in hadith chains. Through the study of these chapters, students will be introduced to the sciences of hadith sourcing and comparative chain analysis (<i>'ilm al-takhrīj wa dirāsāt al-asānīd</i>). While seeking to understand and appreciate the complexity of chain mapping, the jurisprudential aspects of the hadith texts will also be analyzed in light of the positions and arguments of the eminent masters of the field.	4	15	HAD512 HAD522 HAD532 HAD534
6.2	Advanced	HAD552	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim II</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Hajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	4	15	HAD551
6.2	Advanced	HAD554	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim IV</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Hajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	4	15	HAD553
6.2	Advanced	HAD562	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī II</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5	15	HAD561
6.2	Advanced	HAD564	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī IV</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5	15	HAD563

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6.2	Advanced	HAD572	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Critical Methodology II	This course engages students in critical discussions of hadith methodology through an in-depth reading of Imam Taqī al-Dīn Ibn Ṣalāh al-Shahrazūrī's (d. 643 AH/1245 CE) acclaimed technical manual of hadith studies, the <i>Ma'rifat Anwā' 'Ulūm al-Hadīth</i> , more commonly known as the <i>Muqaddamat Ibn Ṣalāh</i> . This "Intro to the Sciences of the Hadith" comprises discussions on sixty-five key topics in the hadith critical methodology and due to its comprehensiveness and clarity, it has been considered the standard textbook and reference for advanced hadith studies since nearly the 7th century. The text will be explored along with a variety of its derivative abridgments, redactions, commentaries, and poetic renditions. Required reading will include Imam Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī's (d. 911 AH/1505 CE) <i>Tadrīb al-Rāwī</i> , an exhaustive commentary on Imam Yahyā al-Nawawī's (676 AH/1277 CE) <i>al-Taqrīb</i> along with the critical notes of Shaykh Muhammad 'Awwāmāh.	1	15	HAD571
5.2	Advanced	QUR502	Core	Qur'ānic Exegesis	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary II	This course will focus on <i>Madārik al-Tanzīl wa Ḥaqā'iq al-Ta'wīl</i> known as <i>Tafsīr al-Nasafī</i> of the Central Asian Ḥanafī jurist and exegete Abū l-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d. 710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Bayḍāwī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Ḥanafī jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2	15	QUR401 QUR402
6.2	Advanced	QUR514	Elective	Qur'ānic Recitation	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings IV	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭabiyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d. 833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1	15	QUR511
6.2	Advanced	QUR602	Core	Qur'ānic Exegesis	Advanced Principles of Qur'ānic Exegesis II: Shāh Walīullāh's al-Fawz al-kabīr fī uṣūl al-tafsīr	This course comprises of a thorough study of Shāh Walīullāh's (d. 1175/1762) <i>al-Fawz al-kabīr fī uṣūl al-tafsīr</i> . The text, which was originally written in Persian, is confined to five chapters. Each chapter elucidates principles and precepts needed to understand the science of tafsīr (Qur'ānic exegesis) and uṣūl al-tafsīr (Qur'ānic hermeneutics). Shāh Walīullāh's main objective for writing the text was to remove ambiguity and confusion in the understanding of the circumstances of revelation (<i>asbāb al-nuzūl</i>), abrogating and abrogated verses (<i>al-nāṣikh wa l-manṣūkh</i>), the unusual words and phrases of the Qur'ān (<i>gharā'ib al-Qur'ān</i>), and other core interpretive tools used by the mufasssīr. The examples he has gathered, along with the order of his presentation, compels students to see the Qur'ān as <i>ḥammāl dhū wujūh</i> (multifaceted). Though the text is brief, it is considered one of the best compilations prepared on the subject due to its scope in uṣūl and application on the subtleties of tafsīr.	1	15	QUR402
7.1	Advanced	HAD581	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Readings in Hadith Sciences I	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Hadith studies and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum. Instructor's approval is required for registration.	4	15	the instructor's approval
7.1	Advanced	THEO541	Elective	Theology	Advanced Readings in Islamic Dialectic Theology I	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Islamic dialectic theology and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum.	4	15	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 or the instructor's approval

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7.1	Advanced	THE0599	Core	Theology	Research Methodology	This course is a requirement for completion of a thesis in the advanced program. The student will choose a thesis adviser based upon the subject of interest, who will advise the student on research and writing methodology and monitor the progress of the thesis. Students are expected to submit each chapter of the thesis as it is completed to the adviser, who will comment on the work and suggest improvements where appropriate. Once the thesis is completed the approval of the adviser and one other faculty are required for the final submission.	1	15	THEO402 the instructor's approval
7.2	Advanced	HAD582	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Readings in Hadith Sciences II	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Hadith studies and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum. Instructor's approval is required for registration.	4	15	the instructor's approval
7.2	Advanced	THE0542	Elective	Theology	Advanced Readings in Islamic Dialectic Theology II	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Islamic dialectic theology and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum.	4	15	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 THEO541 or the instructor's approval
5.1	Advanced	HUM551	Core	Humanities	Advanced English Writing Lab	This writing lab is designed to help students improve their academic writing skills. We will regularly read academic writing from a variety of fields and use that as a model for the development of your own writing style. While writing is an art in some respects, it is a science in others. A good writer is creative in his or her usage of language and rhetoric but also abides by the larger norms and conventions of academic style. The aim of this class is to teach you the basics of what must be done in academic writing and the vast sandbox within which you can experiment and find your own writing voice.	1	15	HUM451
5.2	Advanced	HUM552	Core	Humanities	Advanced English Writing Lab II	Continuation class, This writing lab is designed to help students improve their academic writing skills. We will regularly read academic writing from a variety of fields and use that as a model for the development of your own writing style. While writing is an art in some respects, it is a science in others. A good writer is creative in his or her usage of language and rhetoric but also abides by the larger norms and conventions of academic style. The aim of this class is to teach you the basics of what must be done in academic writing and the vast sandbox within which you can experiment and find your own writing voice.	1	15	HUM451
5.1	Advanced	LAW501	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Law: <i>al-Hidāyah</i> II	Imam Burhān al-Dīn al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196) <i>al-Hidāyah</i> empowers the student with a comprehensive understanding of each legal issue through delving into textual and rational evidence. Al-Marghīnānī furthers the discourse at times by mentioning similar rulings or drawing the student's attention to subtle differences between apparently similar cases. The author also presents opposing opinions from both within and outside the Hanafi legal school. The discourse is concluded by answering the objections of the opposition by transmitted evidence or legal maxims. <i>Al-Hidāyah</i> has enjoyed special attention throughout the ages. The various commentaries and notes on the work ease the student's journey.	5	15	LAW402 QUR402 HAD402 THEO402 ARAB452
6.1	Advanced	LAW502	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Law: <i>al-Hidāyah</i> III	Imam Burhān al-Dīn al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196) <i>al-Hidāyah</i> empowers the student with a comprehensive understanding of each legal issue through delving into textual and rational evidence. Al-Marghīnānī furthers the discourse at times by mentioning similar rulings or drawing the student's attention to subtle differences between apparently similar cases. The author also presents opposing opinions from both within and outside the Hanafi legal school. The discourse is concluded by answering the objections of the opposition by transmitted evidence or legal maxims. <i>Al-Hidāyah</i> has enjoyed special attention throughout the ages. The various commentaries and notes on the work ease the student's journey.	5	15	LAW501

[1] not being taught every year but not labeled as elective